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SUBJ: CHIRAC AND SCHMIDT VISITS

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SUMMARY: SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL SAYS THAT EUROPEAN AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DOMINATED THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF FRENCH PREMIER CHIRAC AND GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN DENMARK (SEE SEPTEL FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHIRAC ON REPLACEMENT FIGHTER PLANE). SCHMIDT WAS MORE SKEPTICAL THAN CHIRAC AS TO UTILITY OF ANY EC SUMMIT MEETING THIS FALL BUT HE DID NOT RULE ONE OUT. CHIRAC STRESSED IJMPORT-ANCE OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, WITH WHICH DANES GENERALLY AGREE, BUT WOULD NOT YIELD TO DANISH RUGING THAT FRANCE SHOULD COOPERATE IN ENERGY POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC ISSUES. MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN GAVE DCM FILL-IN AUGUST 9 ON RECENT VISITS OF CHIRAC AND SCHMIDT. HE SAID THAT, IN GENERAL, EUROPEAN PROBLEMS WERE THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF DIS-CUSSION IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH LEADERS. CHIRAC AND DANISH PRIMIN HARTLING HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. THE DANES HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO FIND THAT CHIRAC HAD SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF BEGINNING WITH COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC POLICY AND HAD PLACED CONSIDER-ABLE EMPHASIS ON THIS. JORGENSEN RECALLED THAT THE FRENCH TRADITIONALLY, AND TO SOME EXTENT THE DANES, HAD FELT THAT PROGRESS TOWARD UNION MUST BEGIN IN THE MONETARY FIELD, UNLIKE THE GERMANS WHO HAD ALWAYS FAVORED COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY FIRST. CHIRAC HAD ALSO SAID, WITH REGARD TO MONETARY COOPERATION, THAT THE EC NINE SHOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A LOAN IN ARAB COUNTRIES. IF THE COMMUNITY ASKED FOR A LOAN IT COULD PROBABLY BE OBTAINED, WHEREAS THE WEAKER MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET ONE FROM THE ARABS THROUGH INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS. THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR, FOR HIS PART, HAD UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY FOR EACH COUNTRY TO TAKE MEASURES TO BRING ITS ECONOMY INTO BALANCE. THE DANES HAD RESPONDED THAT THE PRESENT GOVT IN COPENHAGEN HAD THE POLITICAL WILL TO TAKE THE REQUIRED MEASURES (COMMENT: A RATHER BRAVE STATEMENT FOR A GOVT WHICH CONTROLS ONLY 22 SEATS OUT OF 179 IN PARLIAMENT.)
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BUT ADDED THAT IMPROVEMENT HERE WOULD NECESSITATE AN INCRASE IN DANISH EXPORTS, WHICH COULD NOT BE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED WITH THE FRG CONTINUING TO FOLLOW A DEFLATIONARY POLICY. SCHMIDT HAD ANSWERED THAT INFLATION WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE FRG WHICH ANY GOVT MUST TRY TO CONTROL. NONETHELESS HE SAID THAT HE COULD SEE THAT THE FRG WOULD HAVE A CERTAIN RESPON-SIBILITY IN THIS FIELD. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THAT THEY MIGHT

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BE ABLE TO EASE CREDIT RESTRICTIONS IN A FEW MONTHS AND TO INCREASE PUBLIC INVESTMENT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT CONVINCED OF THE WISDOM OF EITHER OF THESE STEPS. SCHMIDT HAD EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS SKEPTICAL ON THE IDEA OF A EC LOAN FROM THE ARABS. HE THOUGHT THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE IDEAS OF THE "BRIGHT BOYS" IN BRUSSELS.

2. AGRICULTURE POLICY: THE DANES HAD TOLD CHIRAC THAT THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED IN THE RECENT UNILATERAL STEPS WHICH THE FRENCH GOVT HAD TAKEN TO PROTECT FRENCH FARMERS. CHIRAC HAD REJOINED THAT FRANCE WOULD STICK TO THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, WHICH IT CONSIDERED THE CORNERSTONE OF ITS COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER EC MEMBERS. FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS, HOWEVER, THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN NECESSARY. FRANCE HAD HAD THE CHOICE, HE EXPLAINED, OF IMPOSING THESE RESTRICTIONS OR OF CHANGING ITS TAX LEGISLATION. THE LATTER WOULD HAVE HELPED THE FARMERS BUT HURT ITS PARTNERS IN THE OTHER COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. HE REASSURED THE DANES THAT THE RESTRICTIONS WERE A ONE-TIME AFFAIR AND WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. THE DANES HAD AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAP BUT SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OUTWARD-LOOKING POLICIES AMOUNG THE NINE IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD. JORGENSEN SAID THEIR IMPRESSION HAD BEEN THAT THE NEW FRENCH GOVT WAS PERHAPS NOT AS NEGATIVE AS THE PREVIOUS FRENCH GOVT HAD BEEN IN THIS REGARD.

3. EC SUMMIT: THERE WAS NO DUUBT THAT THE FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO PRESIDE OVER A SUMMIT DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY, JORGENSEN SAID. CHIRAC HAD ADMITTED THAT IT WOULD BE FUITLE TO HOLD A SUMMIT IF THERE WAS NO PROSPECT OF REACHING SOME SGREEMENT. BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE DANES AGREED THAT MUCH DEPENDED ON THE RESULTS OF THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.
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SCHMIDT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS FRANKLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING AN EC SUMMIT THIS YEAR SINCE HE DOUBTED SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS COULD BE FOUND WHICH WOULD BE RIPE FOR DECISION AT THE TOP LEVEL.

4. ENERGY: THE DANES URGED THE FRENCH TO JOIN IN COOPERATING WITH THE  12 MEMBERS OF THE ECG. IT BECAME CLEAR, JORGENSEN SAID, THAT FOR A NUMBER OF POLITICAL REASONS THE FRENCH WERE NOT PREPARED TO DO SO AT THIS TIME. NEVER-THELESS, THE DANES RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT WELL BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN THE FUTURE. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS IN COPENHAGEN THEY WOULD NOT DEFINE WHAT SORT OF COOPERATION THEY THOUGHT POSSIBLE BUT SAID THEY WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THAT SOME ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT UNDER OECD AUSPICES. JORGENSEN SENSED THAT THE FRENCH

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HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE POINT OF POLITICAL DECISION AS TO
HOW THEY WANT TO SEE ENERGY COOPERATION COME OUT.

5. COMMENT: DETAILS ON THE SCHMIDT VISIT ARE STILL
RATHER SKETCHY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT NO OFFICIALS PARTICI-
PATED AND, APPARENTLY, BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES
TO HOLD THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DISCUSSIONS CLOSELY. JORGENSEN
DID REVEAL THAT THE SCHMIDT VISIT HAD BEEN HASTILY ARRANGED
AS THE RESULT OF A PHONE CALL FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S AIDE.
FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN OF THEIR TALKS, IT
APPEARS THAT SCHMIDT'S PURPOSE MAY HAVE BEEN TO ENCOURAGE
THE DANISH GOVT IN THE STEPS IT IS PLANNING TO TAKE TO DEAL
WITH THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC ISSUES FACING THIS COUNTRY. IF
THIS WAS INDEED THE CHANCELLOR'S PURPOSE, HE MIGHT HAVE
BEEN MORE HELPFUL IF HE HAD HAD A QUIET WORD WITH SOME OF
HIS FELLOW SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HERE, BECAUSE WITHOUT THEIR
SUPPORT HARTLING IS SEVERELY LIMITED IN WHAT HE CAN DO.
BOTH DANISH AND GERMAN SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT
THERE WAS NO CONTACT BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND DANISH SOCIAL
DEMOCRATS. THE HARTLING GOVT WILL NOW WAIT TO SEE
WHETHER SCHMIDT WILL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR
DENMARK (AND OTHERS) TO EXPORT TO THE FRG. THE CHIRAC
VISIT BROUGHT FEW SURPRISES, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A PERSONAL SUCCESS FOR THE PREMIER.
HE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED THOSE WHO MET HIM AND TOOK
NO INTRANSIGENT POSITIONS, EXCEPT PERHAPS ON THE CAP.
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JORGENSEN REMARKED THAT THE DANES WERE A LITTLE SUR-
PRISED THAT CHIRAC HAD ACCEPTED THEIR INVITATION SO QUICKLY
AND THAT HE HAD CHOSEN DENMARK FOR HIS FIRST OFFICIAL
FOREIGN VISIT. THEY WERE ALSO PLEASED, HE ADDED.
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